

### The Jefferson County Barbecue.

The barbecue at R-nns's grove, between Meriden and Rock Creek, in Jefferson county, was a complete success. There were upwards of 1,200 teams upon the grounds, all of which brought full loads of people. In addition to these, large numbers came from the trains, which, by special management, stopped at the grove on that day. A conservative estimate would not place the number of people present at less than 5,000. They came from all parts of Jefferson and Jackson counties, and a large number came from Atchison county.

Speaking began at 11 o'clock a. m. Mr. Rightmire made the morning address. It was short, but pointed and forcible, and elicited much interest and general approval. It was devoted mainly to a discussion of general conditions, and to the demonetization of silver and its effect upon the prices of agricultural products. He showed that these prices had run parallel with the price of silver, and that when silver declined in consequence of its demonetization in 1873, the price of agricultural products declined with it. The government of the United States is therefore directly responsible for the low price of these products, having provided for it by special legislation.

After Mr. Rightmire's address, a recess was taken for dinner. For this part of the programme the good people of Jefferson county had made ample provision, and the multitude was bountifully fed. It is unnecessary to waste space with a description of this part of the ceremony. It was in every way satisfactory, and if any one went away hungry, it must have been their own fault.

Re-assembling after dinner, ex Gov. Glick was introduced as the next speaker. His address was devoted largely to a discussion of the protective tariff system. He demonstrated that the tariff levied upon imports is added to the price of the goods, and is finally paid by the consumer; that this tariff discriminated against the masses of the people, in that it is higher upon such products as they consume than upon those consumed by the wealthy and aristocratic classes, while many of the articles which are consumed only by these classes are admitted duty free. He showed that the protection afforded to home manufacturers enabled them to levy a tax upon the American people for their individual benefit by which they have rapidly absorbed the substance of the people and amassed fortunes by this system of legalized plunder.

Mr. Glick was followed by Fred J. Close, candidate for congress in the First district. Mr. Close spoke of the question of sectionalism, party prejudice, and the unfairness and bias of political discussions. He explained his reasons, as a union soldier, for the nomination of Hon. W. A. Harris for congressman-at-large, saying that it was an act of which he was especially proud. He paid a fine tribute to the ability, integrity and worth of Mr. Harris as a man intimately identified with the interests of Kansas, and especially with its industrial interests.

Mr. Close devoted some time to a discussion of the financial question, and quoted largely from the late Senator Plumb to sustain the views he advanced.

The closing speech of the afternoon was made by G. C. Clemens, of Topeka, and to all who have had the pleasure of listening to him nothing more would need to be said. Mr. Clemens is always scholarly, and his addresses are characterized by the highest order of moral sentiment. He spoke briefly in the afternoon, as the day was far advanced, and

an adjournment was taken to Meriden for an evening meeting.

Mr. Rightmire made a brief introductory address at this meeting in Gardner's hall, and was followed by Mr. Bunnel, of Nortonville, in a spirited speech of nearly an hour. The main speech of the evening was made by Mr. Clemens. It was devoted to the contrast of conditions among the American people, and his portrayal of life in the tenements and dwellings of the poor, in the manufactories and mines, and in the various pursuits by which men and women seek to perpetuate a miserable existence in this land of plenty, was such as he alone could give. Mr. Clemens has made these conditions a study for years, and his presentation of the contrast of conditions, the causes that have led thereto, and the means whereby a change must be wrought in the interest of humanity and for the safety of the republic, always commands the closest attention, and is worthy of the most serious consideration. He should be in the field more than he is, and the people everywhere should have an opportunity to hear him.

The meeting from first to last was a most perfect success, and one of which Jefferson county may be justly proud. It indicates the decline of republicanism in that direction. That party could not begin to get such a meeting together in the county.

### A Voice out of Israel.

Kansas Democrat, September 26.

Riley County is in Joe Lowe's famous Fifth district.

Saturday the democratic convention of Riley county was held at Manhattan, the democrats, by previous arrangement, taking the county attorney and probate judgeship, and the Populists the balance.

The convention was the largest and best democratic convention ever held in Riley county, and is a harbinger of glorious victory on November 8.

The convention also unanimously gave expression as follows in regard to the proposed conference at Topeka on October 7.

WHEREAS, On account of the false impressions existing as to the sentiments of the democrats of the Fifth congressional district, made by misrepresentation on the part of certain self-elected and self-constituted leaders, and

WHEREAS, All movements on the part of so-called democrats, whose inception is preceded by secret consultation with the chairman of the republican state central committee, and are supported by railroad attorneys and officeholders appointed by a republican governor, may well be looked upon with suspicion therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the democrats of Riley county, in convention assembled, heartily endorse the action of the democratic state convention on July 6, and earnestly protest against and emphatically disapprove of the call for a so-called democratic conference in the interest of the republican party, whose overthrow should be the earnest desire of all good citizens who "stand up for Kansas."

### Wichita Fair Exhibits.

The Wichita Hand Baling machine made by W. M. Burns, of that city, attracted much attention, and is worthy of noting.

Among the notable exhibits of the Wichita fair were the Wichita Wind Engine company's new windmill, tank, and water tower. They were well deserving of the premiums they secured, and are monuments to Kansas' genius and enterprise as embodied in the Mink Bros., of Wichita. We hope to get material soon for an extended description of this company's fine engines and plant.

Hatching chickens in an incubator drew a constant stream of the curious and interested to the Wichita fair. They came to see the now famous incubator made by Jacob Yost, of Arkansas City, Kas. Its popularity and sale have been phenomenal. Several thousand have been sold, and are in use at all seasons of the year turning out the motherless "fries" and "broilers" with a much better per cent. of success than the most able hen

has met with. Those using this best of incubators are making money fast. A card, mentioning the ADVOCATE, addressed to Jacob Yost, Arkansas City, Kas., will secure full information regarding it.

Dandy Jim, Jr., Dr. P. A. Pearson, Kinsley, Kas., owner, again took everything in sight in the hog line at the Wichita fair. All his get on exhibition with him took the ribbons. Dandy Jim, Jr., has taken first prize at Topeka, Hutchinson and Wichita. He took sweepstakes over all herds and ages. He is suggested by many as worthy to go to the World's fair. It is hoped he will be sent there, for he will do Kansas credit.

But little time is required to enumerate the labor-saving devices made for woman's use. Till Elias Howe came, she was neglected by inventors, but few have since thought her household work worthy their attempts to lighten. Deserving a place in her esteem equal to that of the sewing machine man is the washing machine man, P. T. Benbow, of Wichita, Kas. The Benbow washer is superior to others in many points, but chiefly from having a gasoline burner beneath the sheet-iron bottom of the washer, by means of which the water in the washer can be heated and the clothes boiled as readily as in a wash boiler. In fact, it entirely dispenses with the use of the boiler. As the heat can be regulated, it is a matter of great convenience to use the machine as a boiler, shortening the time and lessening the labor required for washing. The gasoline burner can be used for cooking, also. A card to Mr. Benbow, mentioning us, will secure you full information.

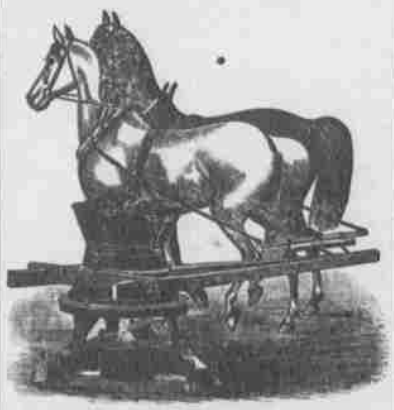
### Theatrical.

"McCarthy's Mishaps," the funniest Irish comedy on the road, will be at Crawford's opera house, Topeka, Oct. 12. On October 13, 14 and 15 the Jeannie Winston opera company will hold forth, "A Barrel of Money" is booked for the 17th and on the 24th the famous Patti Ross will be at the same house. People from out of the city can find a good entertainment at Crawford's at almost any time.

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